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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Anthony Marciano, Executive Director, Charlotte Rescue Mission, Charlotte, North Carolina, offered the following prayer:

I come as a Christian and invite you in your own faith to pray with me now. God our Father,

We come before You with passionate hearts and minds for the people we represent and this land we love.

I ask You to bless these Representatives. You know their heart for their constituency, their hope for this country and prayer for peace in our world. You have witnessed the agony they feel when decisions are made and votes are cast in the best interest of this country. Let their vote be with integrity, even if it means being misunderstood for the position they have taken on the matter at hand.

I ask Your blessing, not for their honor, but on this land You have entrusted to their care. When their term is finished and they no longer darken these hallowed halls, may America remember their character, demonstrated by the decisions they will have made.

Give them Your wisdom, and discernment that they may demonstrate Your love.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. PRICE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3761. An act to provide special rules for disaster relief employment under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 for individuals displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

The message also announced that the Senate agreed to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill (H.R. 3768) "An act to provide emergency tax relief for persons affected by Hurricane Katrina."

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 98-183, as amended by Public Law 103-419, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, appoints Arlan D. Melendez, of Nevada, to the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain five 1-minutes on each side.

### MATERNAL SMOKING

(Mr. MURPHY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, smoking during pregnancy is associated with low birth weight in babies, preterm births, and perinatal deaths.

Low birth weight babies often suffer complications such as underdeveloped lungs and require special care and longer hospital stays that can cost up to \$2 billion annually in increased health care costs. As the children grow up, they are at increased risk for other health problems throughout their young lives.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that if pregnant women on Medicaid receive counseling that reduces smoking, millions and perhaps billions in excess Medicaid health care costs could be avoided. This extends widely as we cover other areas to help reduce smoking.

Congress needs to continue to provide health care organizations with data on the cost effectiveness of cessation services to encourage private plans and government-funded plans to cover smoking cessation. By reducing maternal smoking during pregnancy, we can save not just one but two lives at a time.

I urge my colleagues to visit my Web site at [murphy.house.gov](http://murphy.house.gov) to learn about more ways to save lives and to save money by reducing health care costs.

### TAKE CARE OF AMERICANS

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, America must begin to take care of things here at home, to protect the people from hurricanes and floods, to protect

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